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SUBJ:SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATY
REF: CARACAS 8302

ARA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN; VENEZUELA DESK
FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY

1. I WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTERNOON AUGUST 25
TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WHO SAID THAT HE AND
PRESIDENT PEREZ HAD BEEN SURPRISED TO LEARN FROM A
FRONT PAGE STORY IN AUG 25 ISSUE OF MORNING DAILY
EL NACIONAL THAT PANAMA CANAL TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY
WOULD TAKE PLACE SEP 7. PRESIDENT PEREZ, HE SAID,
DELIGHTED THAT CEREMONY WOULD TAKE PLACE THIS SOON, BUT,
IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR, REPORTED REFTEL, NO
SPECIFIC DATE HAD BEEN MENTIONED.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT KING OF SPAIN
ARRIVING AT 1700 SEPTEMBER 7 TO CELEBRATE ON
SEP 8 THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF
THE CAPTAINCY GENERAL OF VENEZUELA. KING DEPARTS
CARACAS SEP 10. PRESIDENT PEREZ, HE EXPLAINED,
MUST MEET KING JUAN CARLOS.
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3. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ
WANTS VERY MUCH TO BE PRESENT AT SIGNING CEREMONY AND
ALSO TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH PRESIDENT CARTER.
FOREIGN MINISTER WONDERED WHY CEREMONY COULD NOT BE
HELD SEP 5 OR 6. I EXPLAINED ABOUT LABOR DAY
AND DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING ALL SENATORS BACK TO

WASHINGTON SEP 6. IN MY PRESENCE, FOREIGN MINISTER PHONED PRESIDENT AND LAID OUT PROBLEM. PRESIDENT SUGGESTED HE COULD FLY TO WASHINGTON SEP 6 FOR A SIGNING CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE MORNING OF SEP 7 SO THAT HIS AIRCRAFT COULD TAKE OFF NO LATER THAN 12 NOON THAT DAY. IN THAT WAY, HE COULD GREET KING JUAN CARLOS AT 1700. PRESIDENT PEREZ ALSO SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER EVENING OF SEP 6 OR EARLY MORNING SEP 7. HE ALSO PREPARED ACCEPT INVITATION FOR ANY SORT OF GATHERING WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER MIGHT BE HAVING WITH LATIN AMERICAN HEADS OR CHIEFS OF STATE EVENING SEP 6.

4. I PROMISED TO TRANSMIT THIS INFORMATION TO WASHINGTON SOONEST AND TRIED TO GIVE FOREIGN MINISTER SOME IDEA OF DIFFICULTIES IN RESCHEDULING SIGNING CEREMONY FROM EVENING SEP 7 TO MORNING THAT DAY. FRECHETTE

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